

March 30, 2022

FINANCE, REVENUE & BONDING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

RE: SB 485: AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO
INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL

TESTIMONY from Vivian Adaakwah; Manchester, CT

Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Honorable Ranking Members, and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee.

My name is Vivian and I live in Manchester. I have two young men who attend one of CREC's Magnet Schools, Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE) in Windsor. Thank you for raising SB 485 to support CREC in implementing much needed capital improvements for our schools. I am asking you to please support this much needed funding and planning mechanism for CREC.

My children have had the privilege of attending CREC Magnet Schools for the past 11 years. My oldest son is a part of the first graduating class of CREC Ana Grace Academy of the Arts Elementary Magnet School, and my youngest is an honor student with distinction at AAE. Their success will not be possible without CREC Magnet School's Mission, Vision, Core Values and strong programs such as, The Academy of Afrocentric Scholarship (AAS) of which both of my children are enrolled in. The AAS program helps parents help their sons stay connected academically and socially.

My hope is that you will support SB 485 and create this important mechanism to cover CREC's capital improvements to continue to provide excellent educational opportunities. Thank you for the vote and your time.

Sincerely,

Vivian Adaakwah (Parent)